

**DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD  
Minutes**

**February 3, 2003  
7:00 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center  
2700 N. Woodland  
Lounge Clubroom**

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The District VI Advisory Board Meeting was held at 7:00 P.M. at Evergreen Neighborhood City Hall. In attendance were the District VI City Council Member, eight (7) District Advisory Board Members, seven (7) city staff, and four (4) citizens. Approximately 18 were in attendance.

**Members Present**

Council Member Sharon Fearey  
Maureen Willis  
Rosalie Bradley  
Dick Rumsey  
C. Bickley Foster  
David Pendergraft  
Jaya Escobar  
Bob Wine

**Members Absent**

Bob Schreck  
Linda Matney  
John Cohoon  
Kyle Irvin  
Florena Schneweis  
Annie Best

**Staff**

Aaron Hamilton, Neighborhood Assistant  
Officer Kenneth Kimble, Patrol West  
Officer Stacy Woodson, Patrol North  
Officer Glen Kyle, Patrol West  
Wayne Bolen, Supervisor/Electrical - Elevator  
Inspections  
Randy Sparkman, Supervisor/Sign Permits and  
Commercial Zoning  
Ted Cooper, Supervisor of Restaurant and Food  
Inspectors

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the January 6, 2003, were approved (**Pendergraft/Rumsey 7-0**).

The minutes of the January 15, 2003, meeting were approved with the following corrections

- ✓ Rosalie Bradley asked the minutes be rewritten to say, "The DAB will continue to seek cooperation with staff". (**Bradley/Willis 7-0**).

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with the addition of Kerin Smith, United Methodist Health Clinic, to the public agenda (**Schreck/Pendergraft 7-0**).

## **PUBLIC AGENDA**

The Public Agenda contains requests from members of the public who desire to present matters to the Board. Each presenter will be allowed five (5) minutes of presentation time to clarify the issue, provide background information, and identify the requested action. Printed materials are encouraged.

**Health Service Available in Wichita - Kerin Smith**, United Methodist Health Clinic, explained the Healthy Children's Center. Dr. Michael Modsley is the attending physician. Spanish and Vietnamese translators are available when needed. The hours of the clinic are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 5 days a week. The clinic accepts most private insurance, as well as Medicare and Medicaid. Patients without insurance are charged on a sliding scale.

*The following are questions and comments from the Board. Answers are in italics where applicable.*

**Bickley** - How is income supplemented beyond insurance payments?  
*Medicare, Medicaid, private fees, and KDHE all provide funding. The total budget is \$1.2million.*

**Pendergraft** - Is there a full-time dentist? *No, right now they are between dentists. No clinics in Wichita that provide services for the underserved have dentists.*

## **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. Community Police Report**

**Officer Kyle, Beat 11** – Has been busy with warrant sweeps and traffic enforcement at Westdale and Zoo Blvd. Westdale is closed until April 1, 2003, due to water line construction. It is not closed permanently contrary to what the Wichita Eagle printed. He has issued several tickets for people running red lights.

**Wine** asked why the sign that was scheduled to be up for a week was taken down after only a day? *A decision was made at a higher level so **Officer Kyle** did not have an answer.* **Wine** also asked if there were Sheriff's and Highway Patrol working I-235? *Yes.*

**Rumsey** noted red cedar blocks from the south on Hyacinth block the stop at Hyacinth and Columbine.

**Officer Kimble, Beat 29** – Has been working Benjamin Hills and dealing with auto larceny's. Has been working with the third shift officers for more patrol. Smart trailers have been put out for speeders. A human body was found in Evergreen Park. It was ruled an accidental death due to alcohol poisoning.

**Officer Woodson, Second Shift Radar North** – Has been patrolling 17<sup>th</sup> and Park Place, as it is an area of concern. The Police have been issuing tickets and warnings there. In 12

hours, 56 tickets were issued. Four arrests were made in the 11<sup>th</sup> and Bitting area for driving without a license.

**Foster** noted 17<sup>th</sup> and Park Place is bad because of all the trees and a concrete wall that obstructs the view.

2. **Overview of Recommended Ordinance Amendments to Title 19 (City of Wichita Electrical Code)** - **Wayne Bolen**, Electrical/Elevator supervisor with OCI, works with the Electrical Advisory Board and Board of Electrical Appeals. They publish by National Fire Protection every three years with 2002 being the latest addition. The Board of Electrical Appeals has met with the public and contractors.

Five amendments were proposed. One point of opposition from the Wichita Builders Association was the Arc-Fault-Circuit-Interrupter (AFCI). The Board voted unanimously to approve installation. Wichita Builders Association opposed the amendment due to an increase in costs for them to build homes. The AFCI takes the place of a conventional circuit breaker. The amendment requires these in bedrooms. Arcs cause 82% of electrical fires.

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**Council Member Fearey** - When do you call an electrician? *If a blow dryer, heater, etc. overload circuits there is no need to call. If a breaker blows and it is caused by arc, it can't be turned back on.*

**Foster** - What is the county doing? *Sedgwick County started enforcing installation of the AFCI on Jan. 1, 2003. They will adapt to the 2002 codes in the future.* **Foster** thinks the information is very persuasive and the cost is minimal considering the safety the device provides.

**Board Action:** A motion was made and approved to encourage the city's adoption of the AFCI amendment (Foster/Bradley 7-0).

3. **Mobile Food Establishments** - **Randy Sparkman**, OCI, and **Ted Cooper**, Environmental Health, presented changes the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) made in mobile food unit inspection codes. Mobile food units must be completely self-sufficient requiring a blue mobile unit sticker number. OCI and Health have been talking to businesses around there about the pending changes.

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**Wine-** Did you inspect all businesses you come across? *Yes, if it has been operating for more than seven days. Regarding the sticker, businesses must post them if they are open seven or more days? Yes, that's correct. If one isn't seen? Call Ted at 268-8429.*

**Council Member Fearey -** Whom do people call on weekends? *Call on weekends and leave a message with the answering service.*

**Pendergraft –** Do restaurants on wheels need a street or city ordinance on prepackaged food? *They only need a hand sink. Are there regulations on the city level regarding where these businesses can park? Zoning and Licensing oversee that area. The City is looking at changing stand regulations for sidewalk/street vendors. Closer than that. Hopefully proposed changes will go to the City Council this spring.*

**Foster -** Is more going on now due to the economy? *No. These are cultural and trendy type things.*

**Board Action: Receive and File**

**Board Agenda**

**4. Problem Properties:**

**Council Member Fearey –** The northwest corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Topeka is a vacant lot. There is dirt across alley and old trucks.

**Wine -** Trailer houses were demolished and hauled off except for one in the area of west 13<sup>th</sup> and Doris (5400 block?).

**Jerry Pritchard –** Asked about the Goolsby appeal to the Kansas Supreme Court? *Has 30 days to appeal.*

**5. Neighborhood Reports**

**Pendergraft -** WIN is holding a candidates forum for mayoral candidates February 4th, 2003. They expect 12-15 candidates to speak.

**Wine -** Orchard Park had two candidates at their last meeting. Janet Miller and Kathy Landwehr are the Historic Midtown contacts.

**Sherwood Glen -** Bridges and sidewalk have been installed and are Being used.

6. **Updates**

- A. ZON2002-00072"LI" Limited Industrial with a Protective Overlay District to limit permitted uses. South of 37th St. North and West of Broadway for outdoors storage of materials and products. Case has withdrawn the request from further consideration. **Council Member Fearey** explained withdrawal.
- C. Westdale Drive is closed for two months.
- D. **Car wash at 21st:**  
This was an appeal from a decision by the City Council on September 10, 2002, to deny an application for a conditional use permit for a 24-hour car wash on the southeast corner of 21st North and West Street. Protest petitions were filed by 61% of the surrounding neighbors. Judge Malone ruled in favor of the City on the car wash zoning appeal. He made very good findings noting the Golden Rules. The Council must state a reason for its decision but can do so by adopting Staff findings as it did here. He found that the Staff findings do a good job of incorporating and analyzing the Golden factors. **Council Member Fearey explained** the 30 days to appeal has expired.
- E. Engaging community from the inside out presentation update from a DAB member who attended.

**Wine** - Surprised the conference was presented to City staff. It was very favorable to neighborhood input. He thought it was good overall.

**Bradley** - Similar to NUSA. Many cities have neighborhood departments.

**Wine** - Especially liked the fundamentals of getting voluntary compliance with laws by engaging community. Engaging the community builds greater communication between citizens and government. Wants to make City Hall citizen friendly.

**Pritchard** - Haven't we lost 40 or so associations? *WIN is trying to address this.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Feb. 19th, DAB Meeting: **ZON2003-00001** (249 N. Athenian). Eliminate Restrictive covenant #18 to allow converting existing garage building into one bedroom apartment unit. Out by 7:30. Riverside Park Project on agenda (\$450K over budget).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Hamilton  
Neighborhood Assistant, District IV

**Guests**

Jerry T. Pritchard	Indian Hills NA	1607 N. Clarence, 67203
Berle Willis	Sherwood Glen NA	1615 N. Holland, 67212
Jim and Kerin Smith	Meadowlark NA	2240 S. Crestway, 67218